(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Government is supplying wheat, rice, kerosene and sugar for distribution to the consumers through the Fair Price Shops.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The Central Government presently makes available to the States the four main essential commodities of daily requirement at subsidized rates for distribution through the Fair Price Shops. Some States also distribute additional items of mass consumption through the Fair Price Shops such as cloth, exercise books, pulses, salt, tea etc.

Wheat stock with FCI

2992. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FCI wheat stocks have now crossed 25 million tonnes;

(b) whether the FCI does not store wheat in non-wheat producing States or port cities/areas where wheat is in greater demand;

(c) if so, whether this policy leads to traders exploiting the market is non-wheat producing areas; and

(d) whether FCI has any mechanism in place in anticipating the demand of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. FCI also stores wheat in non-wheat producing states.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Government of India has sufficient stock of foodgrains in Centrral Pool to meet the entire demand under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and various welfare schemes.

Quality mark licences

2993. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent swoop on errant bottled drinking water manufacturers, Government have cancelled the ISI quality mark licences of several plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) Recently while carrying out the surveillance activity, various discrepancies were observed in operation of licences in 24 units belonging to large and small scale and accordingly they were put under stop marking. Stop marking does not mean the cancellation of licence. Under stop marking condition, these firms were not authorized to put BIS mark on their product till permitted by BIS after verification of corrective actions taken by them.

Missing of wheat stock

2994. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI MAJOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 50 lakh tonnes of wheat, valued at Rs. 3200 crores, is missing from the Food corporation of India godowns in Punjab;